

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Origin of story on
Soviet German propo~~SA~~ L

Our Embassy in Moscow has definitely established that American correspondents there got their story on the "new" 4-point proposal from Soviet sources. Ambassador Thompson interprets the maneuver as a Soviet effort to speed up moves toward negotiations.

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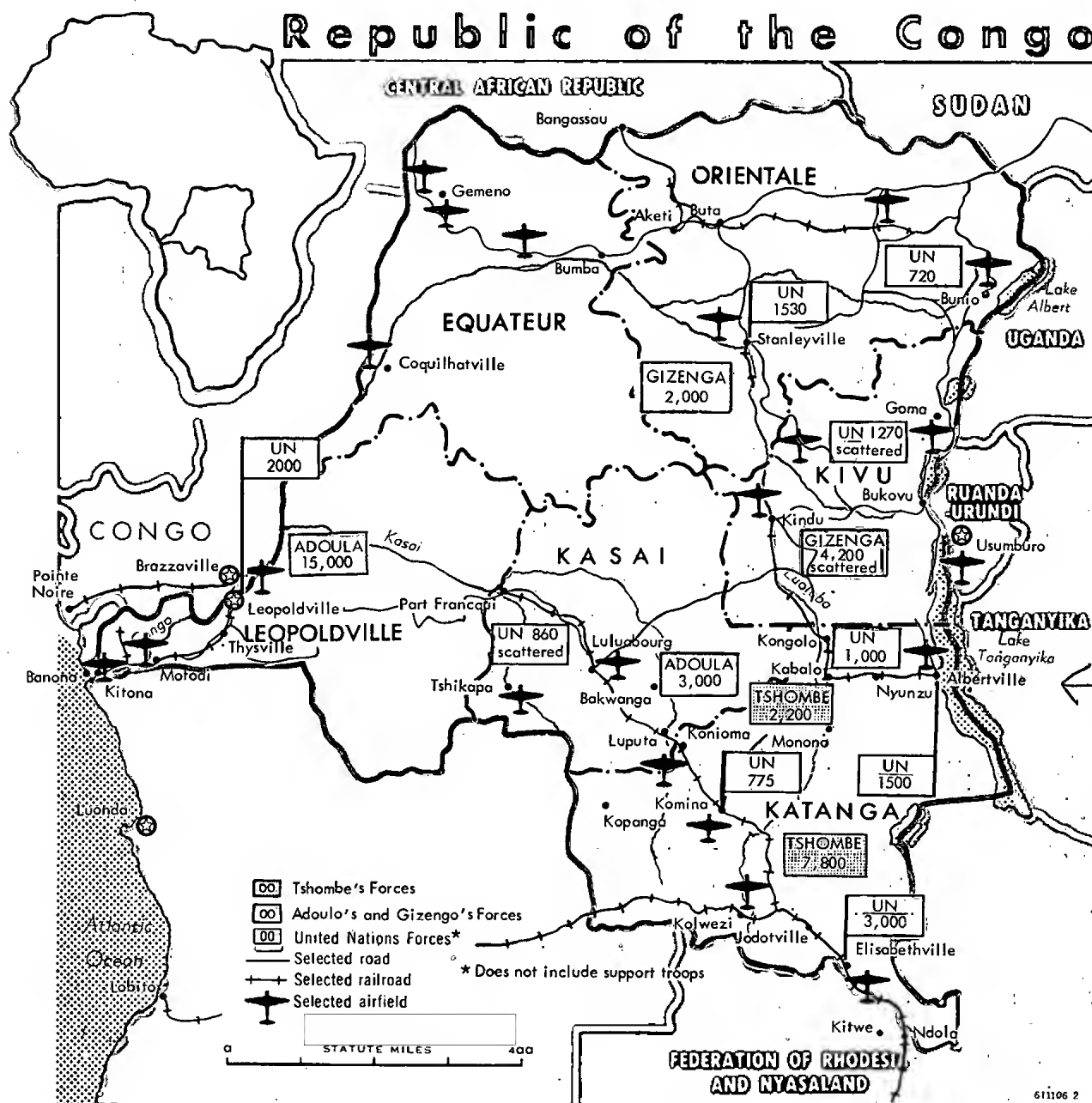
2. Soviet feelers on
disarmament negotiations

Their UN representatives have lately been trying to sound out our position through the Canadians. They told the latter earlier this week that they would welcome further bilateral discussions with the US on disputed points, such as the make-up of the negotiating forum, and that they hope to renew negotiations "early next year." Other statements to the Canadians indicate that they would like to avoid extensive debate on disarmament in the UN.

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4. Algerian developments

De Gaulle's recent public admission that the Provisional Government has the majority of the Algerian population behind it removes what has been a major obstacle to the success of current negotiations by easing the rebel government's fears for its own future in Algeria. At the same time, he has been offering very little consolation to the European settlers, who may take out their frustrations in the demonstrations scheduled for this weekend. [REDACTED]

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5. Congo

The Katangan government has lost Albertville in northeast Katanga to a Gizengist force which invaded from Kivu province to the north. The Tshombe government, whose hold on the Baluba tribal areas in northern Katanga has been tenuous, offered virtually no resistance. [REDACTED]

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however, [REDACTED] preparations are under way for some sort of Katangan military reaction. [REDACTED]

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6. Khrushchev comments
to Italian elaborated

In addition to reports carried in the press on Khrushchev's interview late last month with Codacci-Pisanelli, head of the Interparliamentary Union, our Embassy in Rome has learned the following: (1) Khrushchev said that he had abandoned his December 31 deadline on an East German peace treaty "in order to remove the quality of ultimatum"; (2) he told the Italian that he should tell the US, French and British that Khrushchev really wanted to negotiate; (3) when Codacci observed that negotiations implied readiness to modify positions, Khrushchev replied that he understood and that Codacci should pass that on, too.

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NOTES

- A. The sudden but brief show of military might in Ciudad Trujillo on Thursday is still unexplained. Our Consul there, who saw President Balaguer just before the demonstration, reported him to be confident that all was normal in the armed forces.
- B. Former President Inonu was chosen premier of Turkey yesterday more than 3 weeks after the election which returned the country to nominal civilian rule. This outcome should mollify the military, whose patience with civilian politics had already begun to wear extremely thin.
- C. An outbreak of anti-American violence is threatening in Bolivia, where leftist and Communist agitators are getting a receptive hearing for allegations that the US is to blame for economic distress. The government, miffed over the recent cancellation of an aid credit, might make only token gestures to curb street demonstrations.
- D. Ambassador Kennan reports considerable embarrassment in Belgrade over a number of recent rebuffs from Moscow, including renewed heresy charges at the Soviet Party Congress. He notes that doubts about the soundness of Belgrade's demonstrative support of Soviet foreign policies are already prevalent in some sections of Yugoslav officialdom.
- E. The Venezuelan government, which expects its intended diplomatic break with Cuba to be the signal for anti-Betancourt disturbances, is taking preventive security measures.

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